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SUBJECT: 1977 CURACAO WATER CRISIS

REF: (A) CURACAO 0837 (B) PIERCE/VESSEY TELCON 11/16/77 (C) PAULSON/VESSEY TELCON 11/16/77

- 1. THIS MESSAGE CONFIRMS TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS OF 11/16 BETWEEN VESSEY AND PIERCE, ARA/CAR, AND VESSEY AND PAULSON, AID TRANSPORTATION.
- 2. GONA HAS REQUESTED CONSULATE GENERAL TO ARRANGE CHARTER OF MSC VESSEL SEALIFT ARCTIC TO TRANSPORT POTABLE WATER FROM MARACAIBO TO CURACAO IN EFFORT TO REBUILD CURACAO S DEPLETED WATER RESERVES. CHARTER WOULD BE OF APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS DURATION. WITHIN THIS TIME FRAME GONA CALCULATES SEALIFT ARCTIC WOULD COMPLETE THREE TO FOUR TRIPS BETWEEN MARACAIBO AND CURACAO WITH 18,000 DEAD WEIGHT TONS OF WATER DELIVERED PER TRIP. GONA AWARE OF POSSIBLE CHARGES FOR SEALIFT ARCTIC TRANSIT TIME FROM ICELAND, CURRENT POSITION, TO CURACAO.
- 3. ABOVE GONA DECISION BASED ON ESTIMATE THAT NECESSARY REPAIRS TO WATERPLANT WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS. UNCLASSIFIED

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- 4. POST REQUESTS FOLLOWING FROM DEPARTMENT:
 - (A) CONFIRM THAT, IN ABSENCE DISASTER DECLARATION BY PRINCIPAL OFFICER HERE, A PROCEDURE DOES EXIST BY WHICH GONA MAY CHARTER MSC VESSEL.

- (B) CONFIRM SEALIFT ARCTIC OR OTHER VESSEL FOR CHARTER HAS CAPACITY OF 18,000 DEAD WEIGHT TONS OF WATER.
- (C) PROVIDE CHARTER PRICE FOR VESSEL TO INCLUDE DAILY RATE AND ANY CHARGES FOR TRANSIT TIME.
- (D) PROVIDE EXACT WORDING OF CHARTER/TRUST FUND AGREEMENT.
- (E) PROVIDE STATEMENT PRECISE STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO EFFECT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION BY CABLE TO DO SO. PENBERTHY

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